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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application

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Insert the attached Sequence Listing in place of the originally-filed Sequence Listing.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

14. (Amended) An inhibitor of plant GMP synthetase identified using an assay system as claimed in claim 11.